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Filed: January 11, 1999
Inventors:
Freitag, et al.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR DIGITAL
COMMUNICATION VIA
A TIME DIVISION
MULTIPLEXED SERIAL
DATA STREAM

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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of January 5, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.